# MEDICAL TRAINING CENTER PROGRAM Component: 50.20.161, 40.20.161, 50.20.903, 40.20.903

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Per California Penal Code § 13823.93, this program funds one grant recipient to provide basic, advanced and specialized training for forensic medical examiners in cases of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, elder/dependent adult abuse, and child physical abuse/neglect to ensure these exams are conducted in a standardized, consistent and qualified manner throughout California. Specialized trainings address topics such as medical quality assurance, forensic photography, telemedicine teleconferencing, and expert witness testimony. The statute also requires development and delivery of training for court personnel and investigators involved in dependency and criminal proceedings on evidentiary examination procedures and the interpretation of findings, and a telecommunications network for expert consultation in various areas of the State. The Medical Training Center is also tasked with supporting the development and coordination of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) statewide, including: developing and/or improving current SART efforts; ensuring the availability of effective, comprehensive SARTs for sexual assault victims; identifying key SART procedures and protocols; and coordinating SART policy needs.

FY 2008/09 funding was reduced due to a decreased General Fund allocation. In 2009/2010, no General Funds are anticipated for the Medical Training Center Program.

## **FUNDS AWARDED**

Fiscal Year	Types of Funding	<b>Total Funding</b>
FY 2008/09	State General Fund FY 2008	\$ 340,000
	Local Safety & Protection Account (LSPA) FY 2008	\$ 132,000
	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2008	\$ 786,817
	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2007	\$ 95,811
	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2006	\$ 97,316
FY 2009/10	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY 2009	\$ 712,706
	Local Safety & Protection Account (LSPA) FY 2009	\$ 340,000
FY 2010/11		Unknown

### 2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

- <u>8</u> Forensic Medical Trainings for <u>220 participants</u> were conducted
- <u>3</u> On-Line Medical Examiner Trainings for <u>71 participants</u> were conducted on Child Sexual Abuse.
- 24 Community Provider Trainings for 623 participants were conducted
- Tele-medicine sites are operational:
  UC Davis Medical Center Children's Hospital; Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego;
  Oakland Children's Hospital; UCLA, Santa Monica/Santa Barbara; UC San Francisco, San Francisco General Hospital; San Luis Obispo Public Health Department; San Joaquin County General Hospital; Child Abuse Team, Riverside Regional Medical Center, Moreno Valley; and Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (pending equipment installation).

- Telemedicine sites are under development:
  Santa Clara Valley Medical Center; Orange County Child Abuse Service Team; Kern County Department of Human Services; and Memorial Medical Center in Stanislaus County.
- Trainings to 413 participants on Medical Procedures, Evidence & Interpretation of Findings.

Other accomplishments during the grant year include:

- A Forensic Techniques training DVD was developed to support the five-day Sexual Assault
  Forensic Examiner training. This DVD, the first of its kind in the nation, provides step by step
  instructions on 23 techniques used by examiners to preserve, collect and package evidence
  during a forensic medical exam conducted according to the California Medical Protocol on the
  Examination of Sexual Assault and Child Sexual Abuse Victims.
- Three new modules were completed for the on-line version of the Pediatric Sexual Abuse Forensic Examiner course (Medical Findings in Pre-pubertal Children: Medical Findings In Adolescents: and Expert Witness Testimony);
- Revisions/additions made to Forensic Photography Training curriculum, based on pilot testing: basic instruction in camera operations; additional laboratory exercises to improve injury identification and description skills; and additional opportunities to trouble-shoot common problems encountered in photographing physical injuries. Evaluations were outstanding.
- Lectures added to website: Abusive Head Trauma; Ano-Genital Findings in Children; Abuse and Medical Care of Teen Delinquents; Sexually Transmitted Infections in Children and Adolescents; HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis; and Child Abuse Autopsies.
- To further the Sexual Assault Response Team Collaborative Project, 9,000 copies of the SART Report were distributed to law enforcement, district attorneys, public defenders, defense attorneys, criminalists, rape crisis centers, victim witness programs, and others.
- In October 2008, over 800 individuals attended the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Davis National Child Abuse & Neglect Conference, which included the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Forensic Medical Institute.
   Six (6) medical forensic workshops were attended by 237 participants.
- In September 2009, over 600 individuals attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual UC Davis National Child Abuse & Neglect Conference, which included the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Forensic Medicine Institute, the SART Institute, and the Drug Endangered Children Institute in Sacramento. Six (6) medical forensic workshops were attended by 144 participants.
- Qualified staff were provided to respond to questions from throughout California on forensic examinations for sexual assault, child sexual abuse, elder/dependent adult abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse/neglect.

### 2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

### 2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available